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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Near East and South Asia Subcommittee of House
Foreign Affairs Committee on 10 July 1973

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1. This afternoon Bruce Clarke, D/OSR, and [REDACTED] C/RAF/OSR, accompanied by John Maury and [REDACTED] OLC, briefed the above Subcommittee on military posture and Soviet influence in the Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean and Near East. A technical sweep of the room, H-227 in the Capitol, was conducted, the room was not monitored during the session, and no transcript was taken. The briefing lasted from 1400 hours to 1620 hours. Discussions were held at the Secret level.

2. Present from the Subcommittee were:

Lee H. Hamilton (D., Ind.), Chairman
Lester L. Wolff (D., N.Y.)
Ogden R. Reid (D., N.Y.)
John Buchanan (R., Ala.)
Benjamin A. Gilman (R., N.Y.)

3. Present from the staff were:

Michael H. Van Dusen
Everett E. Bierman

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4. Today's briefing was a followon of the meeting of 23 February 1973 at Headquarters where the political and economic aspects of the Arab states, Israeli/Egyptian problem, and Persian Gulf were covered in quite some detail. Emphasis on today's briefing was restricted to military and Soviet influence in the area. Clarke and [REDACTED] worked from prepared charts in

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presenting the military posture of [REDACTED] as the dominant nations in the Middle East, Indian Ocean, and Subcontinent areas. Questioning by Committee members was general and stayed fairly well with the agreed format of military and Soviet influence. The members were most interested in the questions of external threat to the various countries that have been buying additional armaments from both the East and the West. Of particular interest to the members was the external threat to Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, and India. 25X1C

5. There is one followup item from today's briefing:

a. An outline of Egyptian pilot training and SAM operations training being provided by the Soviets at the present time.

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